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SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Objectives

To provide an opportunity for all branches interested in Show Jumping to compete against each other at four different levels.

To encourage a high standard of riding, sportsmanship and team awareness.

Remember *NO PASSPORT, NO JUMPING* – Name on passport must be the same as on entry form.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances or any other issue in connection with Irish Pony Club Show Jumping it is the duty of the relevant officials to make a decision in sporting spirit and to approach as nearly as possible the intention of these Rules. It is the District Commissioner's responsibility to ensure that their members are complying with the Rules of the Competition.

UNDER 12 SHOW JUMPING TEAM – ALICE MERNAGH TROPHY

Eligibility of Competitors

1. This is a competition for a team of four competitors who are 8 years of age and under the age of 12 on the 1st of January of the current year.
2. All competitors must be of a D⁺ standard.
3. The same Team Combination or same three member's combination of pony/horse and rider from a winning U12 team (in any year) is not eligible.
4. A pony or horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or at the Championships.
5. Members may only compete in **one** Show Jumping competition at the Area Qualifiers and Championships, except where a Classic Qualifier is held in conjunction with an Area Qualifier since the Classic is a separate competition (see Rules for Show Jumping Classic.)
6. The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to Dress for the particular Discipline they are participating in. see page 16.

Mixed Team Rule (Pilot for 2019)

As a pilot for 2019 it has been decided to allow mixed teams for Branches who cannot make up a full team.

- 7 Mixed Teams will be formed by the Area Rep.
- 8 If a Mixed team qualifies it can qualify for the Championships.
- 9 If a Branch has a Reserve rider, as before, the reserve rider can either jump on a Mixed Team formed by the Area Rep. Or, remain as a reserve for a Branch team, in which case, as before, the reserve rider is not eligible to jump at the Championship (if the Branch Qualifies), unless as a substitute.
- 10 In the first instance the Branch must make up a team to represent the Branch. It only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers that are eligible for the Mixed Team.

Eligibility of Ponies and Horses

- 11 Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said

individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.

12 All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have in the previous calendar year competed with the SJI at 90 cm or under. If they have entered and jumped a 1 metre class or higher with SJI on any occasion, they are not eligible for this competition (on any occasion in previous calendar year or current calendar year).

13 No stallions allowed.

14 Horses and ponies must be 5 years of age or over.

15 Please note, ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at Area Qualifiers and the Championships.

Height and Dimensions of Fences

16 First two rounds maximum height 75cm.

17 Speed is 325 meters per minute.

18 A maximum of eight fences will be used on the first round which will not include a double.

19 There must be a change of course for the second round which will have a double. Jump off round will not be exceeding 80cm.

Format of Competition

The competition will be judged in accordance with the SJI Rule 265N (Team Competition) with the following additions:

20 The Team Show Jumping Competition for the Alice Mernagh is run over two rounds.

21 Scores from the first round are added to the scores in the second round.

22 The 3 best scores of the first round are added to the 3 best scores of the second round.

23 Teams consist of three or four riders, each riding the same horse throughout the competition.

24 The jumping order will be as numbered in the program.

25 Each team member will jump in consecutive order.

- 26 In the first round of an area qualifier, **all four** members of a team must jump.
- 27 The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its best three competitors in that round.
- 28 Elimination of a rider in the first round does **not** exclude that rider from the second round **unless** that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
- 29 In the second round, the teams may jump in reverse order of merit. Teams on equal penalties retain their original jumping order.
- 30 If after the second round there is more than one team on equal penalties there will be a jump off in the order that is the Drawn Order in the first round, by two nominated riders from each team against the clock over a shortened course maximum 6 fences to include a double to decide the winner.
- 31 The lower places are decided on the best three scores from the first round and the best three scores from the second round and time in the second round.
- 32 A maximum of three teams qualify at the area qualifier.
- 33 An individual competition to be included but only those on double clear rounds to jump against the clock for the individual prize. The jump off round of those competitors on double clear that jump off for their team will count for this competition. This competition applies at the Championship only.
- 34 A competitor who has previously competed for his/her branch on a Robbie Bailey Team at an Area Qualifier are not eligible for this competition.
- 35 The same combination or same three member's combination of pony/horse and rider from a winning Under 12 team (in any year) is not eligible.
- 36 Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.
- 37 The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to dress for the particular discipline they are participating in. See page 16.

A branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring reserve individuals who are eligible to jump in that Qualifier.

JUNIOR SHOW JUMPING TEAM – ROBBIE BAILEY CUP

Eligibility of Competitors

- 38 Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.
- 39 This is a competition for a team of four competitors under the age of 14 on the 1st of January of the current year.
- 40 All competitors must be of “C” test standard or hold their “C” test.
- 41 The same combination or same three member’s combination of pony/horse and rider from a winning Robbie Bailey team (in any year) is not eligible.
- 42 A pony or horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or at the Championships.
- 43 Members may only compete in **one** Show Jumping competition at the Area Qualifiers Championships, except where a Classic Qualifier is held in conjunction with an Area Qualifier since the Classic is a separate competition (see Rules for Show Jumping Classic.)

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- 45 If a Mixed team qualifies it can qualify for the Championships.
- 46 If a Branch has a Reserve rider, as before, the reserve rider can either jump on a Mixed Team formed by the Area Rep. Or, remain as a reserve for a Branch team, in which case, as before, the reserve rider is not eligible to jump at the Championship (if the Branch Qualifies), unless as a substitute.
- 47 In the first instance the Branch must make up a team to represent the Branch. It only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers that are eligible for the Mixed Team.

Eligibility of Ponies and Horses

- 48 All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have in the previous calendar year competed with the SJI at 1.00 metre or under. If they have

entered and jumped a 1.10 metre class or higher with SJI on any occasion, they are not eligible for this competition (on any occasion in previous calendar year or current calendar year).

49 No stallions allowed

50 Horses and ponies must be 5 years of age or over.

51 Please note, ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at Area Qualifiers and the Championships.

52 It is considered to be the responsibility of the Member's parent/guardian to ensure that their hat complies with the required standards also they are responsible for ensuring that their hat complies with the manufacturer's guidelines regarding fit and replacement are followed. See page 16 for Dress.

53 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their tack is in accordance with the rules and that they present themselves for inspection. Any competitor who then changes their tack after the Tack Inspection will be disqualified from the competition.

54 Any equipment not covered in these Rules must be referred at least two weeks in advance of the competition to the Irish Pony Club Office to allow time for the Chairman of the Show Jumping Committee to be consulted.

Height and Dimensions of Fences

55 Maximum height is 90cm.

56 Speed is 325m per minute.

57 A Minimum of 8 fences will be used on the first round which will include a double.

58 There **must** be a change of course for the second round which will have a double and a combination.

Format of Competition

The competition will be judged in accordance with the SJI rule 265N (Team Competition) with the following additions:

59 The team show jumping competition for the Robbie Bailey is run over two rounds.

60 Scores from the first round are added to the scores in the second round.

- 61 The three best scores of the first round are added to the three best scores of the second round.
- 62 Teams consist of three or four riders, each riding the same horse throughout the competition.
- 63 The jumping order will be as numbered in the program.
- 64 Each team member will jump in consecutive order.
- 65 In the first round of an area qualifier, **all four** members of a team must jump.
- 66 The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its best three competitors in that round.
- 67 Elimination of a rider in the first round does **not** exclude that rider from the second round **unless** that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
- 68 In the second round, the teams may jump in reverse order of merit. Teams on equal penalties retain their original jumping order.
- 69 If after the second round there is more than one team on equal penalties, there will be a jump off in the order that is the drawn order in the first round, by two nominated riders from each team against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winner.
- 70 The lower places are decided on the best three scores from the first and the best three scores from the second round and time in the second round.
- 71 An individual competition to be included but only those on double clear rounds to jump against the clock for the individual prize. The jump off round of those competitors on double clear that jump off for their team will count for this competition. This competition applies at the Championship only.
- 72 A maximum of three teams qualify at the Area Qualifier.

A Branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve who is eligible to jump in that qualifier. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CLASSES.

Eligibility for Area Qualifying Competitions and the Championships

- **Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending competitor.**
- **Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.**

- **It is the strict responsibility of the District Commissioner or his Appointed Representative to ensure that both the Competition Secretary AND the Judges are aware of any substitutions before the start of the class concerned.**

INTERMEDIATE TEAM SHOW JUMPING- CAPTAIN JOHN LEDINGHAM TROPHY

Eligibility of Competitors

- 73 Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their score contributed to the qualification, the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.
- 74 This is a team competition for four riders under the age of 21 on the 1st of January of the current year.
- 75 Competitors in this competition must have passed their **“C”** test.
- 76 The same team combination or same three members' combination of pony/horse and rider from the winning Intermediate team (in any year) is not eligible.
- 77 Members who qualify for the Championships must still fulfil the eligibility rules on the day of the Championships.
- 78 An individual competition to be included but only those on double clear rounds to jump against the clock for the individual prize. The jump off round of those competitors on double clear that jump off for their team will count for this competition. This competition applies at the Championship only.
- 79 Members may only compete in **one** Show Jumping competition at the Area Qualifiers and Championships, except where a Classic Qualifier is held in conjunction with an Area Qualifier since the Classic is a separate competition (see Rules for Show Jumping Classic).
- 80 The Competitor is ultimately responsible for complying with all Rules relating to dress for the particular discipline they are participating in. see page 16.

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- 82 If a Mixed team qualifies it can qualify for the Championships.
- 83 If a Branch has a Reserve rider, as before, the reserve rider can either jump on a Mixed Team formed by the Area Rep. Or, remain as a reserve for a

Branch team, in which case, as before, the reserve rider is not eligible to jump at the Championship (if the Branch Qualifies), unless as a substitute.

84 In the first instance the Branch must make up a team to represent the Branch. It only surplus riders or Branches with insufficient numbers that are eligible for the Mixed Team.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

85 All ponies and horses are eligible if they are currently or have in the previous calendar year competed with the SJI at 1.10 m or under. If they have entered and jumped a 1.20 metre class or higher with SJI on any occasion, they are not eligible for this competition (on any occasion in previous calendar year or current calendar year).

86 Horses and ponies must be 5 years or over.

87 Please note ponies/horses will be scanned for microchip numbers at the Area Qualifiers and Championships.

88 A pony/horse may only be ridden by one rider at an Area Qualifier or the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

89 Maximum height is 1.00m.

90 Speed is 325m per minute.

Format of competition

91 The team show jumping competition for the Capt. John Ledingham Cup is run over two rounds.

92 In the first round of an Area Qualifier, all four members must jump.

93 Scores from the first round are added to the scores of the second round.

94 Teams consist of 3 or 4 competitors each riding the same horse/pony throughout the competition.

95 The jumping order will be as numbered in the programme.

96 Each team member will jump in consecutive order.

97 The team score is obtained by adding the scores of its three best competitors in that round.

- 98 Elimination of a rider in the first round **does not** exclude that rider from the second round, unless that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
- 99 In the second round, the teams may jump in reverse order of merit.
- 100 Teams on equal penalties retain their original jumping order.
- 101 If after the second round, there is more than one team on equal penalties, there will be a jump off by **two nominated riders** from each team against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winner.
- 102 The lower places are decided on the best three scores from the first and the best three scores from the second round and time in the second round.
- 103 A branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve who is eligible to jump in that qualifier.
- 104 A maximum of three teams qualify from each Area Qualifier.

SENIOR TEAM AND AREA TEAM SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

Eligibility of Competitors – Senior Team

- 105 The Senior Show Jumping Team Competition is for a team of four riders who are over 12 years old and under 23 on the first of January of the current year.
- 106 All competitors must have passed their “C” test.
- 107 The winning team in this competition is eligible to compete at the UK Pony Club Championships. The winning team will be offered an invitation to the UKPC Championships.
- 108 Substitution due to a bono fide injury to the rider or the horse/pony will be considered by the Chairman of Show Jumping and the Chairman of the Irish Pony Club. Doctor and/or veterinary certificates **must be produced**.
- 109 Competitors must have qualified at their Area qualifier and have not competed in Robbie Bailey or John Ledingham.

Eligibility of Competitors – Senior Area Team

- 110 The Senior Show Jumping Area Team Competition is for a team of four riders who are over 12 years old and under 23 on the first of January of the current year and from within the same area.
- 111 All competitors must have passed their “C” test.
- 112 The winning area team in this competition is not eligible to compete at the UK Pony Club Championships.
- 113 Substitution due to a bono fide injury to the rider or the horse/pony will be considered by the Chairman of Show Jumping and the Chairman of the Irish Pony Club. Doctor and/or veterinary certificates **must be produced**.
- 114 All competitors who wish to compete in this competition must notify their DC who must notify their Area Representative.**
- 115 Competitors must have qualified at their Area qualifier and have not competed in Robbie Bailey or John Ledingham.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

- 116 Horses which are currently jumping at 1.20m and under are eligible.
- 117 All ponies are eligible.
- 118 Horses and ponies must be 5 years or over.

- 119 Please note that ponies and horses will be scanned for microchip number at Area Qualifiers and Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

- 120 Height of fences – 1st round – 1.10m
2nd round – 1.15m
- 121 Speed is 350m per minute.
- 122 Please note that the Championships **but not the Area Qualifiers**, in the second round, two fences may be at 1.20m at the discretion of the course builder.
- 123 D.C and Trainers should note also that these are maximum heights. Heights may be altered at the discretion of the course builder and/or chief steward depending on the ground conditions and weather.

Format of Competition

The Senior Show Jumping Competition is run over two rounds.

- 124 Scores from the first round are added to the scores of the second round.
- 125 Teams consist of 3 or 4 competitors each riding the same horse/pony throughout the competition.
- 126 The jumping order will be numbered in the programme. This means that the 1st member of each team jumps; they are followed by the 2nd member of each team, then the 3rd member and the 4th member.
- 127 The team score is obtained by adding the 3 best scores of the team.
- 128 Elimination of a rider in the first round does not exclude a rider from the second round unless that rider is not passed fit by the doctor.
- 129 In the first round of an Area Qualifier all 4 members of a team must jump. However, at the Championships if after 3 members of a team have jumped and that team cannot improve their score (i.e. they are on zero score) the 4th member can opt not to jump. This doesn't mean that the 4th member cannot jump in the second round or in the jump off.
- 130 In the second round, teams will jump in numerical order as in the first round.
- 131 If after the second round, there is more than one team on equal penalties, **all members** of the team jump against the clock over a shortened course to decide the winners or places.
- 132 The lower places are decided on faults and time in the second round.
- 133 A maximum of three teams qualify at each area qualifier.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

Eligibility of Competitors

- 134 The Senior Show Jumping Championship is open to competitors who are twelve years old and under twenty-three years on the 1st of January of the current year.
- 135 Competitors must have passed their “C” test.

Eligibility of Horses and Ponies

- 136 Horses currently jumping at 1.20m and under are eligible.
- 137 All ponies are eligible.
- 138 Horses/Ponies must be 5 years old and over.
- 139 Please note that horses and ponies will be scanned for microchip number at the Area Qualifier and the Championships.

Height and Dimension of Fences

- 140 Height of fences – 1st round – 1.10m
a. 2nd round – 1.15m
- 141 Speed is 350m per minute
- 142 At the Area Qualifier, the competition will be run over two rounds followed by a jump off for those on equal faults if required. Others will be placed according to their combined faults over two rounds and their time in the second round.
- 143 At the Championships, **but not at the Area Qualifiers**, in the 2nd round (jump off), two fences may be at 1.20m, at the discretion of the course builder and the chief steward.
- 144 **N.B.** DC and Trainers, please note that these are the maximum heights. The heights may be altered at the discretion of the course builder and the chief steward depending on ground and weather conditions.

Format for the Individual Competition

- 145 This competition is judged under the SJI Art.2382.2 which states that those which equal scores after the 1st round will jump off over a shortened course to decide the winner. Others are placed according to their faults and time penalties in the 1st round.

- 146 This competition is run **after** the Team Championship over a new course. It is open to all branch members under 23 years (with their 'C' test) including those who took part in the Team Competition, provided that they have qualified at the Area Qualifier.
- 147 Team horses are eligible but riders may choose a different horse provided that they rode that horse at the Area Qualifier.
- 148 A rider who rode in the Team Qualifier may also compete in the Individual Qualifier on either the same horse/pony or a different horse/pony. Should the rider qualified for the Individual Championship it is the combination that competed in the Individual Qualifier that will go forward to the Individual Championship.
- 149 Riders may compete only once in the Individual Championship.
- 150 At the Area Qualifier, the Senior Individual competition may run over 2 rounds with a jump off (see above). However, it should be noted that at the Championships, the competition will run over **one round only** with a jump off to decide the result.

A Branch competing at an Area Qualifier may bring a reserve that is eligible to jump in that qualifier. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CLASSES.

SHOW JUMPING GENERAL RULES

Definition of 'Calendar year' is 1st January to 31st December.

Should a breach of eligibility subsequently be discovered, then the Show Jumping Committee may disqualify the offending team or individual. If said individual was a member of a qualifying team and their scores contributed to the qualification the team will be disqualified unless the qualification holds up using the discard score.

Explanation of Horsemanship Award Judging

The Horsemanship Competition is an attempt to reward riders who show ability, talent and effectiveness. They will not necessarily have the best horse/ponies. Each rider is judged during the first round only of the Open and Intermediate, Robbie Bailey and Under 12 Team competition and Senior Individual Show Jumping Championships.

The winners will be those who give their horses/ponies the greatest chance to jump a clear round by:

- (a) Maintaining rhythm and balance.
- (b) Intervening only when necessary to keep the horse/pony's attention and to help them to arrive on a good stride for the fence with sufficient impulsion to jump it easily.
- (c) Giving their mounts the confidence to jump in a settled, supple way by sitting in an independent position (not dependent on the reins) and with an effective leg position at all times on the flat and while jumping.
- (d) Riding good lines and corners – showing correct use of the arena space.

The round should appear purposeful and harmonious.

Judging begins the moment the rider enters the ring (preparation for the round), continues throughout the round and finishes when the rider leaves the ring – the Judges noting whether or not the horse/pony was improved or not as a result of the round.

Riders are judged individually. For team awards, the total marks of all four riders are counted. For teams of three the average mark of the three is taken and added on the fourth score.

PENALTIES

1 st Disobedience	4 penalties
2 nd Disobedience	8 penalties
3 rd Disobedience	Elimination
Obstacle knocked down while jumping	4 penalties

Fall of horse or rider

Elimination

FALLS

When a competitor falls, they must not remount.

Please note that one fall eliminates the rider from that round and that rider must be passed fit by the doctor before competing in any subsequent rounds.

A fallen rider must be seen by medical personnel before jumping again. The team trainer must inform the SJ judge of the outcome the medical assessment.

Fall in Practice Arena - competitor must be seen by medical personnel before continuing. This rule applies to qualifiers and Championships.

INSPECTION OF THE COURSE

The course shall be ready for inspection by Competitors and Trainers ONLY at a reasonable time before the start of the competition. **Competitors must be correctly attired in riding clothes when walking the course (INCLUDING RIDING HAT/HELMET).**

THE COURSE WILL BE CHANGED FOR THE SECOND ROUND and an announcement will be made when it is ready for inspection.

PLAN OF THE COURSE

A plan of the Course shall be displayed by the time the course is ready for inspection.

There will be a Time Allowed and a Time Limit, which means exceeding the Time Allowed incurs penalties and exceeding the Time Limit incurs elimination.

PRACTICE FENCES AND EXERCISE AREAS.

Competitors must ONLY use the practise fences provided in the exercise area. The practise fences will be marked with red and white flags and jumped accordingly. Exercise of horses must only take place in the area provided and any competitor exercises in the Car Park, Horse Box area or among spectators is liable to incur elimination from all competition. On the day of the competition, horses competing may only be ridden by their competitors.

NO LUNGING IS ALLOWED AND ONLY TRAINERS AND COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PRACTICE ARENA – THIS IS FOR SAFETY REASONS. ANY PERSONS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE STEWARDS AND SAFETY OFFICERS WILL INCUR ELIMINATION.

SUBSTITUTION

Only bona fide substitutions will be accepted and veterinary certificates and/or doctors certificate must be produced to verify such substitutions.

Substitutions of any member of a team will only be considered by the Chief Steward of Show Jumping. For and substitution to be considered at the Championships, the horse **AND** rider **MUST** have competed in the relevant competition at the Area Qualifier.

DRESS AND SADDLERY

Please refer to the current Irish Pony Club Tack Sheet. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that they are using correct Dress and Saddlery.

NOTE: Pony Club Tie must be worn with a collared shirt.

It is important that all animals competing are properly shod prior to the day of competition.

DISQUALIFICATION

The Official Steward or Chief Judge may disqualify a competitor at any stage of the competition:

- a) For dangerous riding
- b) For if in his/her opinion the horse is lame, sick or exhausted.
- c) For misuse of whip or spurs or any ill-treatment of the horse
- d) For not entering the arena when called.
- e) **For any breach of the Rules.**

JURY OF APPEAL

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of the Chief Steward, and a member of the Judging Panel together with the Chairman or a member of the S.J committee as are present. At least three members of the jury will remain until half an hour after the scores have been published. The Chief Steward may appoint a replacement for any member of the Jury if the need arises.

PROTEST OR OBJECTIONS

Apart from the Official Steward, and the Officials of the Competition, **ONLY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OR THEIR APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE** is entitled to lodge protest or objections.

Protests must be made in writing and addressed to the Organiser of the Competition or Secretary of the Championships.

A deposit of €30 cash must accompany the objection, which is forfeit unless the Jury of Appeal decides that there were good and reasonable grounds for the objection.

Protests or objections must be made **NOT LATER THAN HALF AN HOUR AFTER** the incident or half an hour after the scores have been posted.

The Official Judge/Steward shall give the decision in the first instance. If this is not accepted, the Jury of Appeal shall give their decision after investigation.

The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

OBJECTIONS LODGED OUTSIDE THE ABOVE TIME FRAME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

If the District Commissioner of a competing team is unable to be present at the competition, he or she must inform the Secretary of the Championships in writing, of the name of the person appointed to be their representative. This representative must carry with them a copy of the District Commissioners letter of appointment.

N.B. IT IS THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE ELIGIBILITY OF BOTH RIDERS AND THEIR HORSES/PONIES. IT IS ALSO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES) RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT BRANCH COMPETITORS ARE IN TIME FOR COMPETITION.

AREA QUALIFIERS

Members who wish to compete at the Festival must compete at the Area Qualifier in the competition for which they are eligible, failure to do so means that they cannot, **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**, compete at the Championships.

AREA QUALIFIERS FORMAT

The format for running an Area Qualifier will be the same as the Championships.

- The three highest placed teams from the Area qualify for the Championships providing they reach a standard approved by the Chief Steward on the day of the Qualifier.
- In the event of a tie for second place, teams may jump off against the clock at the discretion of the Chief Steward.
- The Chairman of Show Jumping may invite three extra branches to take part in the Championships if the standard was particularly high at one or two of the Area Qualifiers. Thirty teams (9 X 3 + 3) will take part in each class at the team Championships.
- Participation in the Senior Individual Championships is at the discretion of the Show Jumping Chief Steward at the Area Qualifier, providing the competitor reaches the standard.
- At the Area Qualifier, a Branch may enter a team(s) plus one or two reserves [i.e. Team of 4 plus 1 reserve or Team of 4 plus 2 reserves]. The reserves jump Hors Concours at the Area Qualifier and will then be eligible to be **substituted** to branch team for the Championships should this become necessary (providing they reach the required standard). The team of 4 that qualified must be the same four that compete at the Championships except for a bona fide substitution is necessary. All four members of a team (or three if a team of three) must jump in the first round at their Area Qualifier.
- Please note a horse/pony may be scanned for a microchip number at an Area Qualifier. Passports must be carried with an animal at all times. Failure to do so may eliminate that horse/pony and rider from the competition.

INFORMATION GUIDE FOR RUNNING AREA QUALIFIERS

FOR THE COURSE/S

1. Contact your Show Jumping area representative (see Year Book), who will inform you as to whom is appointed as Chief Steward for the competition.
2. Book a course builder from the SJI panel and approved by the Chief Steward.
3. An arena MINIMUM size of 80 metres by 80 metres with suitable ground conditions in the interest of safety.
4. A warm- up Arena with a minimum of 2 jumps, i.e. a vertical and a spread, jumps must be flagged with red and white flags.
5. Rope/Tape and Stakes to enclose the S.J. Arena and the warm-up arena.
6. Materials to build a course of minimum of 8 fences, which must include a double and a combination.
7. Safety cups for the back wings of all spread fences.
8. A Show Jumping Judge with writer from the SJI panel, together with Public Address commentator.
9. Turn out judge as this is now compulsory for Area Qualifiers.
10. Timing – Equipment – Stop Watches.
11. Tack inspectors.
12. Pocket Stewards for pocket fences and safety.
13. Fence Stewards for the S.J. Arena.
14. Doctor (or paramedic) and Ambulance on site which must have good access to all arenas and must be present before competition begins.
15. Vets on call will do.
16. Horsemanship Judge, writer and scorer *recommended*.
17. Rosettes – also turn out rosettes.
18. S.J. marking sheets.
19. Horsemanship Judging sheets and a friendly working hunter judge to judge Horsemanship.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF FENCES

Poles – approximately 50/60 of which some may be rustic. Gates, planks and fillers will reduce the number of poles required.

Upright/Wings – 18 pairs minimum

Cups - Two per pole. Flat for gates and planks.

Fillers – can be straw bales, barrels (on their side) plastic fillers etc. Water tray for Seniors only not to exceed 11ft. Think SAFETY no sharp edges.

SHOW JUMPING CLASSIC RULES

Objectives

The show Jumping Classic Competition was introduced to provide Irish Pony Club members who wish to compete with the possibility of competing in show jumping at a high level.

COMPETITIONS

There are four levels of competition and members are encouraged to take part and move up levels as their ability and skills grow.

The four levels are

- Show Jumping Classic up to 1.20m
- Classic Finder up to 1.10m
- Classic Starter up to 1.000m
- Classic 90 up to 90cm

SHOW JUMPING CLASSIC

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 15 years old and over on the 1st of January in the current year.
- Must have as a minimum the "C" test.
- Must have taken part in three Branch working or training rallies.
- Bursary to McKee Barracks can only be won once by a rider. In the event that the same rider should win on more than one occasion, the rider will be awarded a local bursary.

Eligibility of Horses

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old or over.
- Open to all grades of horses/ponies which are capable and experienced in jumping 1.20m courses.
- Ponies must be 148cm.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 1.20m.

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts.
- This competition is judged under SJI rule 238 2.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

CLASSIC FINDER

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 14 years old and over on the 1st of January of the current year.
- Must have as a minimum the "C" test.
- Must have taken part in three branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old and over.
- Open to all grades, but must be capable and have experience in jumping a 1.10m course.
- Ponies of all grades must be 148cm.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 1.10m

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts.
- This competition is judged under SJI rule 238 2.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

CLASSIC STARTER

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be 12 years old and over on 1st of January of the current year.
- Must have as a minimum the C test.
- Must have taken part in 3 branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old and over.
- Open to all grades. Must be capable and have experience in jumping 1m course.
- Ponies must be at least 138cms.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 1.00m

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts.
- This competition is judged under SJI rule 238 2.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Classic 90

Eligibility of Rider

- Must be in his/her 12th year or over on the 1st of January.
- Must have as a minimum "C" test.
- Must have taken part in 3 branch working/training rallies.

Eligibility of Horse/Pony

- Horse/Pony must be 5 years old and over.
- Open to all grades. Must be capable and have experience in jumping 90cm course.
- Ponies must be at least 128cms.

Height of Fences

- Height up to 90 cm

Format of Competition

- The competition consists of one round of jumping over a course which will include two combinations and related distances. There will be a maximum of 16 jumping efforts.
- This competition is judged under SJI rule 238 2.2 i.e. in the event of equality of penalties for first place, there will be a jump off against the clock.
- Other competitors are placed according to their penalties and time in the first round.

General Rules for the Show Jumping Classic Competitions

- A combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one Area Qualifier is eligible to jump at the Final.
- At each Area Qualifier, the first 6 placed combinations in each class are eligible to compete at the Final. Where Area qualifiers are combined, extra qualifying places will be allocated, thus if two Areas combine to run a qualifier the first 12 placed combinations may qualify if considered up to standard.
- A combination may attend as many qualifiers as they wish. If already qualified for a particular class a combination may attend a qualifier and be placed on the day but must state that they are qualified, in which case qualification moves to the next eligible person.
- Riders may ride 2 horses/ponies in a class at the qualifier but only the highest placed combination in a particular class is qualified for the Final.
- Riders may ride the same horse/pony in a 2nd class at a qualifier provided that it is the class closest in height, i.e. a combination riding in the 1.20m class can also compete in the 1.10m class, a combination riding in the 1.10m class can also compete in the 1.00m class and a combination riding in the 1m class may also compete in the 90cm class. Note this is subject to the rider being the correct age for the class. Note further that 128 ponies may ONLY compete in the 90cm class.
- A rider may ride 2 horse/ponies at the Final provided it is in 2 different classes and that combination has qualified for that class.
- Riders may ride the same horse/pony in a 2nd class at the final provided that the combination has qualified for that class and it is the class closest in height, i.e.

A combination riding in the 1.20m class can also compete in the 1.10m class, a combination riding in the 1.10m class can also compete in the 1.00 class and a combination riding in the 1m class may also compete in the 90cm class. Note this is subject to the rider being the correct age for the class. Note further that 128 ponies may ONLY compete in the 90cm class.

- If a combination has qualified for 2 classes but only wishes to compete in one at the final, then the combination should compete at the higher level and the qualifying place in the lower class is passed to the next eligible person from the qualifier attended.
- If a combination is not qualified at the 1.20m competition it can jump at the 1.10m at the Final provided it has competed and qualified at this level.
- The same applies for the 1.10m combination, if not qualified for that height it can jump at 1.00m at the Final provided it has competed and qualified at this level.
- The same applies for the 1.00m combination, if not qualified for that height it can jump at 90cm at the Final provided it has competed and qualified at this level.
- Irish Pony Club Rules with regard to tack and rider attire apply.
- Prizes in the Classic Finals – in kind.
- The winner of the Show Jumping Classic Final will be awarded a Training Bursary sponsored by the Irish Pony Club Shop.
- A second Bursary may be awarded at the discretion of the Show Jumping Committee.
- At the discretion of the Show Jumping Committee the winners of the 1.10m Classic Finder and the 1.00m Classic Starter classes will be awarded a training bursary (provided they have not won another class, the 1.20m class in the case of the 1.10m winner and the 1.10m class in the case of the 1.00m winner, in which case this may be awarded to the 2nd place combination).
- The Training Bursary details may change from year to year at the discretion of the Chairman of Show Jumping.